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For: EXTENDED LIFE CUTTING BLADES FOR  
HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The present communication responds to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 in the above-identified application, and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Also enclosed is a Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time to extend the time period for response to December 16, 2006 (Saturday). The RCE and supporting papers are submitted the first business day after the deadline.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.